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# Park Authority Increases Land Holdings

The Fairfax County Park Authority has recently acquired several parcels of land in four magisterial districts. With the addition of this acreage to its holdings, the Park Authority now owns approximately 23,725 acres or 9.4% of the land mass of the county.

On February 2, 2007, the Fairfax County Park Authority completed a land exchange with the Department of the Army that resulted in the addition of approximately 12 acres, with existing recreational facilities, to the Park Authority's inventory. The exchange involved the transfer of just under 21 acres of undeveloped parkland, adjacent to Fort Belvoir and known as the Berman tract, for the approximately 12 acres located on federal property at Fort Belvoir along Pole Road, known as the Woodlawn Field. These ballfields have been used by the Woodlawn Little League for over 40 years and were scheduled to be removed and replaced by a new base housing complex as part of the pending redevelopment of Fort Belvoir. As a result of the exchange, the Park Authority gained one 90-foot diamond and three 60-foot diamond fields, along with athletic field lighting, bleachers, irrigation, parking, concession stands, and associated amenities. The Park Authority also retained a conservation easement on a portion of the Berman tract property to prevent development within 100 feet of existing homes.

In Braddock District, the Park Authority acquired 8.65 acres of ecologically-sensitive floodplain from the Crestwood Construction Corporation on March 9, 2007. Located off of Sideburn Road, the property will be an addition to Woodglen Lake Park.

The abandonment and transfer of an unused portion of Lockheed Boulevard in Lee District, totaling 3.98 acres, was approved by the Board of Supervisors and recorded on March 13, 2007. The former right-of-way will be incorporated into Huntley Meadows Park, ensuring the preservation of two champion swamp chestnut oak trees and one champion pin oak tree.

In Sully District, the Park Authority acquired approximately 3.7 acres located within the Centreville Historic Overlay District. The property was acquired on March 30, 2007, and will be called Newgate Park as this was the original name for the Centreville area. Cultural resources associated with this property are potentially eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

For more information, contact the Park Authority's Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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